



Executive Order GA-14 / County Judge Order No. 2020-5: COVID-19

Religious Services Guidance

“Essential services” under Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-14 includes religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. If religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services due to a lack of capability (technological or financial), they should comply with the Governor’s Executive Order and be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For example:

- Instruct sick employees, volunteers, and guests to stay home;
- Practice social distancing by maintaining appropriate distance between people;
- Maintain good hygiene by washing your hands frequently, using hand sanitizer, using your elbow to cover coughs, and not touching your face; and
- Clean and disinfect high-touch areas frequently.

Houses of worship, like providers of other essential services, are to follow additional guidance from the White House and CDC whenever possible.

For additional guidance, please see <http://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices/> and review the attached guidance from the Attorney General’s office.